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- 1. BARON FAULKNER OF DOWNPATRICK, FORMER NORTHERN IRELAND PRIME MINISTER AND HEAD OF 1974 POWER-SHARING GOVERNMENT WAS KILLED AFTERNOON MARCH 3 WHEN HIS HORSE FELL ON HIM DURING A STAG HUNT IN COUNTY DOWN. TRIBUTES TO FAULKNER BEING VOICED BY FRIENDS AND POLITICAL ADVERSARIES ALIKE. HE ALIENATED ROMAN CATHOLICS BY INTRODUCING INTERNMENT AND LOYALISTS BY POWER-SHARING. THERE CONSENSUS HOWEVER THAT FAULKNER TERM AS ULSTER MINISTER OF COMMERCE DURING 1960'S WAS MOST BENEFICIAL TO PROVINCE IN TERMS OF NEW INVESTMENT.
- $2. \ \ PRINCIPAL\ OFFICER\ HAS\ SENT\ FLOWERS\ IN\ PERSONAL\ CAPACITY.$

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